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### **DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131**

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

The following Declaration and any attachments are to establish conception in the United States of claimed subject matter in the referenced patent application and diligence to the filing of the referenced patent application on 24 January 2001 from a date prior to the effective date of United States Patent No. 6,650,948 (Atkinson) filed in the United States on 28 November 2000 relied upon by the Examiner to support rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) and 35 U.S.C. 103(a) in the Office Action dated 8 February 2006.

In support of this declaration, We, Thomas J. WALCZAK of Woodstock, Illinois, and William P. ALBERTH of Crystal Lake, Illinois, declare and sayeth the following:

WALCZAK ET AL.

"Method And System for Validating A
Mobile Station Location Fix"
Atty. Docket No. CS10560

Appl. No. 09/769,122 Confirm. No. 5562 Examiner S. Bhattacharya Art Unit 2685

That claimed subject matter of the instant patent application stands subject to a rejections under 35 USC 102(e) and 35 USC 103(a)/102(e) based on Atkinson;

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That we conceived the claimed subject matter of the instant patent application in the United States or other provincial region permitted by Rule before the 28 November 2006 effective date of Atkinson in the course of employment by Motorola Inc.

That Motorola Inc. is the assignee of the instant application by virtue of an assignment duly recorded on the Official record of the United States Patent & Trademark Office, at REEL/FRAME 0111509/0088;

That the claimed subject matter of the instant patent application was the subject of a written invention disclosure (ID No. CS10560) (Exhibit A) (7 pages) prepared and submitted in the ordinary course of business to a patent committee of Motorola Inc., the assignee of the instant patent application, for the purpose of documenting and evaluating the invention disclosure for patent protection;

That written invention disclosure, ID No. CS10560, is a true copy of the original written invention disclosure on which the instant patent application is based;

That the conception date redacted (permissible pursuant to MPEP 715.07) from the disclosure, ID No. CS10560, is prior to 28 November 2000, the effective date of Atkinson;

That we assisted in the preparation, review and revision of the patent specification and drawings, discussed the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56, inventorship and other patent issues with counsel, signed formal papers and obtained formal drawings during the critical period before filing the patent application on 24 January 2001;

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That all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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I, June Edwards, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the same persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered said instrument as their free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth. Given under my hand and Notarial Scal this \_ day of May 2006.

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#### 2. Problem resolved with the Invention

GPS will be widely used for locating cell phones in the future. However, GPS is not 100% accurate and can give erroneous results. Errors are mainly due to operation in blocked environments and urban canyon environments. In these environments either a limited number of satellites are available to make a position fix from or multi-path causes errors in the position solution. Due to the importance of locating users in emergency situations, it is desirable to augment GPS to build confidence in the location fix.

3. Describe the invention in detail. Include its operation, purpose, environment and how problem(s) were solved.

#### Solution #1:

Cell phones routinely sample neighboring cells to report signal strengths to the base station. This information is used today for managing hand-offs between cells. We would store away this information with time stamps either locally in the handsets or in the base station.

When the user initiates an E911 call, the base station down loads the neighbor cell history (or recalls the information from memory). Base station can compare the readings and history against a database and determine if the GPS location makes sense.

- 1. Figure 1 shows a map of a cellular system with cell sites A through H.
- 2. User X moves through the cell sites going about his business.
  - 2a. As the user moves the base stations up date his neighbor list and the phone routinely makes signal strength measurements of the neighboring cells.
  - 2b. The phone stores a history of the neighbor list and measured signal strengths as described in Figure 2. Alternately, the history can be stored in the base station.
- User initiates an E911 call, determines a GPS position and sends fix to the base station.
   Cell phone also downloads neighbor list history to base station.
- 4. Base station plots history of neighbor list against data base of measured signal strength vs location. Plotted positions will have significant error bars (if they didn't we wouldn't need GPS).
  - 4a. For this example we presume that the user's cell phone had 5 history points in memory. The possible locations and error bars of the six points are plotted in Figure 3 as well as the reported GPS fix.
- 5. For this example, the reported GPS fix (Figure 3) does not correspond to the history estimates. The history points indicate that the cell phone is probably somewhere between Cell sites C, D, and E, while the GPS fix shows the cell phone in cell H. For this example it is easy to determine that the GPS fix is questionable.
- 6. At this point the base station can order the cell phone to take another GPS fix. If the present GPS fix is reported to the E911 operator it can be tagged as questionable data. This would tip the operator that he/she should concentrate on trying to ask the user exactly where they are.

7. This process is further outlined in Figure 4.	
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#### Solution #2:

The technique of using past history to validate the present position may also be extended to storing and time stamping previous GPS fixes. This will work in much the same way as the previous example except that the use of neighbor lists is replaced by GPS fixes.

The analysis of past location information can be used to determine the accuracy of the present location fix. There are several examples of how this works 1) in tracking applications if there is a plotted point with significant deviation from the path of the average locations this data may be assumed to be erroneous 2) if the distance between the recent past location estimates and the present location fix would require the person to move at a velocity greater than is considered practical the fix can also be considered erroneous.

4. What new elements (e.g. components, circuits, process steps) or combination of known elements or software algorithm produced the improvement(s) over known technology?

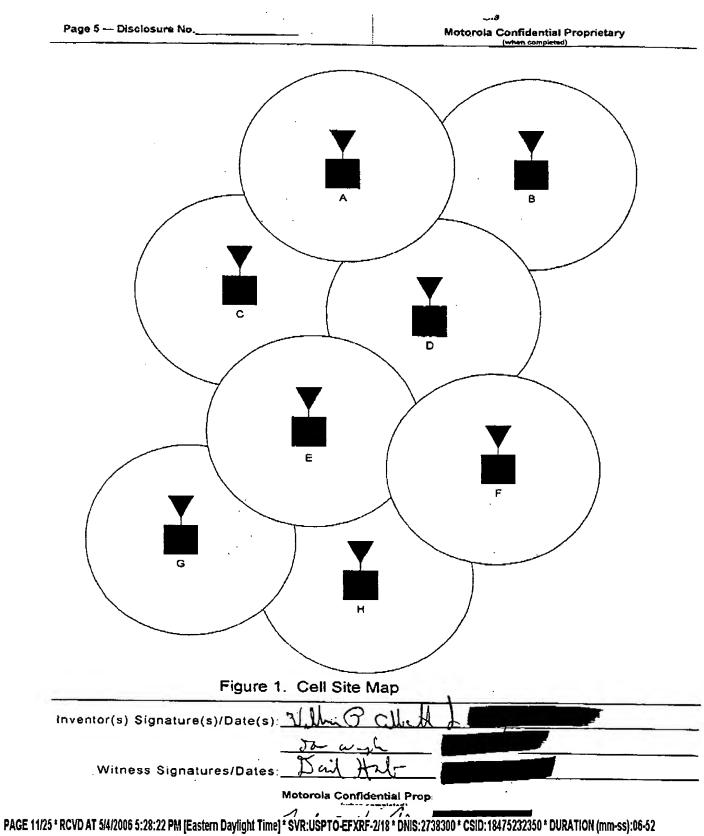
We would write claims to cover:

- Storing in the cell phone time stamped histories of neighbor cell measurements and previous GPS fixes.
- Storing in the base station (or switch) time stamped histories of users neighbor list and previous GPS fixes.
- c. Using the history information to develop confidence in the GPS fix.

#### 5. Prior Art

Triangulating off neighbor cell measurements is a known method to determine location. But using a history of measurements to assist in location is not known.

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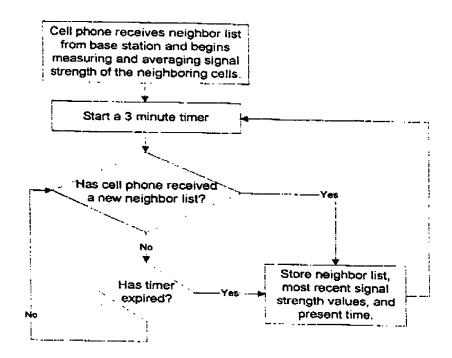


Figure 2. Method of Storing Neighbor List History

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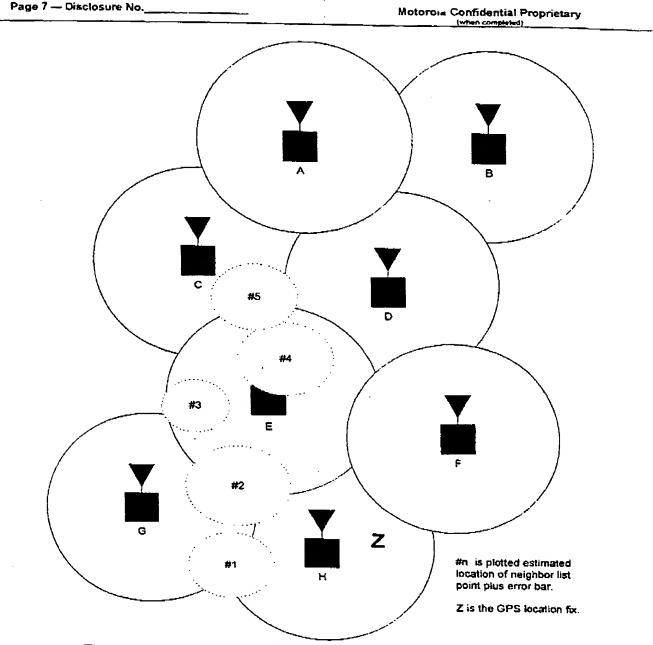


Figure 3. Cell Site Map with History Points and GPS fix plotted

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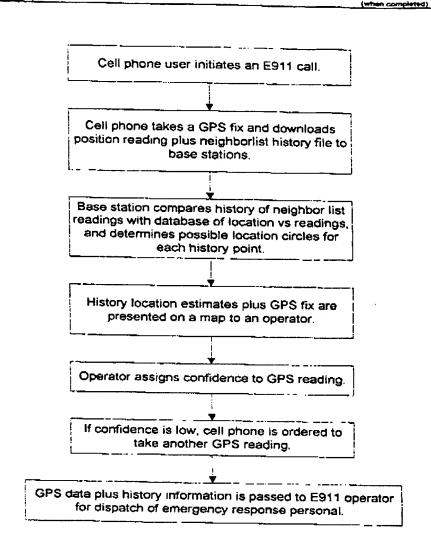
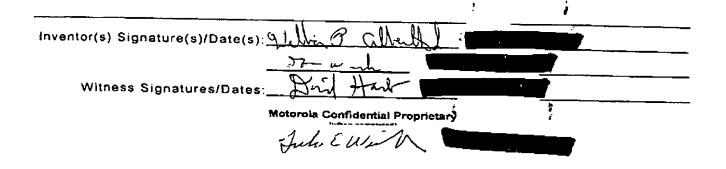


Figure 4. Method of Processing History Points and GPS Fix



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